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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IRAN, NUCLEAR PROGRAM

¶1. On January 4, conservative, influential newspaper-of-record "El Mercurio" (circ. 129,000) ran an editorial entitled "Iran Sanctions." Quote:

¶2. "The U.N. Security Council adopted resolution 1737.... The crisis between the international community and Iran has deepened due to (Iran's) nuclear development plan... This reflects the increasing danger posed by various nations or groups interested in acquiring nuclear materials and thus gain the ability to construct an arsenal.... This situation is the beginning of a war of nerves that must be followed with special attention by the powers and that is witnessed with apprehension by the rest of the world."

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